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SUBJECT: SOVIET EXIT VISAS FOR AMERICAN LONG-TERM EXCHANGEES  
UNDER INTERACADEMY AGREEMENT (21.00)

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1. DURING JANUARY 11 CALL ON D. SOKOLOV AND FEDOSEYEV, DEPUTY CHIEFS OF MFA'S USA DEPARTMENT, DAS LUERS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH ISSUANCE OF SOVIET EXIT VISAS TO THREE MOST RECENT LONG-TERM US EXCHANGEES AND THEIR ACCOMPANYING FAMILIES (BORGAOMKAR, KOJOIAN, AND KOBLITZ) UNDER USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES - US NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AGREEMENT. LUERS ASKED IF THIS ACTION REPRESENTED A CHANGE IN SOVIET POLICY. SOVIET SIDE REPLIED THAT SOVIETS HAD DECIDED TO ISSUE EXIT VISAS TO US INTERACADEMY LONG-TERM EXCHANGEES FOR AN UNSPECIFIED TRIAL PERIOD. AS TO REGULARIZATION OF THIS PRACTICE, SOVIETS SUGGESTED WE MIGHT WISH TO INCLUDE PROPOSAL IN CONSULAR REVIEW TALKS WHICH WILL BEGIN SHORTLY AND IN WHICH THEY EMPHASIZED THEY EXPECT QUID PRO QUO. SAME SUBJECT CAME UP WITH REFERENCE TO OFFICIAL ACADEMIC EXCHANGEES AT NOVEMBER 28-30 CULTURAL PROGRAM REVIEW TALKS. MFA REPLIED SIMILARLY THAT IT SHOULD BE TAKEN UP IN "APPROPRIATE FORUM," I.E., CONSULAR TALKS.

2. WE WILL INCLUDE THIS ISSUE IN CONSULAR REVIEW TALKS BUT  
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RECOMMEND A TWO-TRACK APPROACH. EMBASSY URGES DEPARTMENT AND NAS TO PRESS SOVIETS DURING FORTHCOMING INTERACADEMY AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS TO AGREE TO INCLUSION IN REVISED AGREEMENT OF A STIPULATION THAT ALL US NAS AND OTHER LONG-TERM EXCHANGEES AND THEIR ACCOMPANYING FAMILY MEMBERS WOULD RECEIVE SOVIET EXIT VISAS.

3. FOR SOV/EXCHANGES. PLEASE PROVIDE SUBSTANCE OF

FOREGOING TO NAS FOR LARRY MITCHELL AND ALAN CAMPBELL.  
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